Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An elongated tubular spacer core for use in an insulated glass assembly comprising a plurality of bending zones between first and second ends of the core, each bending zone comprising a plurality of circumferential ribs, each rib having sides of unequal length, the ribs being reentrant and overlapping when the core is bent along a longitudinal axis of the core.

2. (original) The core of claim 1 wherein the core is defined by two pairs of opposing parallel walls and a radiused corner between each pair of adjacent walls.

3. (currently amended) The core of claim [[1 or]] 2 wherein the walls form a closed hollow tube.

4. (currently amended) The core of claim [[1, 2, or]] 3 further comprising one or more composite elements from the group of elements consisting of a desiccant and a vapor barrier.

5. (original) The core of claim 4 wherein the desiccant is provided within the interior of the hollow core.

6. (currently amended) The core of claim ~~1, 2, 3, 4, or~~ 5 defines an elongated hollow tube of sufficient length to provide spacer cores for a plurality of insulated glass assemblies.

7. (currently amended) The core of claim 1~~, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6~~ wherein the ribs are identical and extend around the entire perimeter defined by the core.

8. (currently amended) The core of claim ~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or~~7 wherein the ribs are foldable along a first side of the core and the ribs are extendable along a second opposite side of the core.

9. (currently amended) The core of claim ~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or~~ 8 defining an elongated strand reversibly coiled about a rotatable spool.

10. (original) An elongated tubular spacer for use in an insulated glass assembly comprising: an elongated tubular core defining a plurality of ribs extending about the periphery of the tubular core, each rib having sides of unequal length, the ribs folding and overlapping when the core is bent along a longitudinal axis of the core;

a desiccant provided within the interior of the tubular core; and

a vapor barrier provided along the length of the tubular core.

11. (original) An insulated glass assembly comprising:

(a) an elongated tubular spacer comprising an elongated tubular core defining a plurality of ribs extending about the periphery of the tubular core, each rib having sides of unequal length, the ribs folding and overlapping when the core is bent along a longitudinal axis of the core; and

a desiccant provided within the interior of the tubular core;

(b) a vapor barrier provided along the length of the tubular core;

(c) a pair of opposing glass plates;

(d) an adhesive applied to secure the spacer between the pair of opposing glass plates.

12. (new) The tubular spacer of claim 10 wherein the core is defined by two pairs of opposing parallel walls and a radiused corner between each pair of adjacent walls.

13. (new) The tubular spacer of claim 12 wherein the walls form a closed hollow tube.

14. (new) The tubular spacer of claim 13 defines an elongated hollow tube of sufficient length to provide spacer cores for a plurality of insulated glass assemblies.

15. (new) The tubular spacer of claim 12 wherein the ribs are identical and extend around the entire perimeter defined by the core.

16. (new) The tubular spacer of claim 13 wherein the ribs are foldable along a first side of the core and the ribs are extendable along a second opposite side of the core.

17. (new) The glass assembly of claim 11 wherein the core is defined by two pairs of opposing parallel walls and a radiused corner between each pair of adjacent walls.

18. (new) The glass assembly of claim 11 wherein the walls form a closed hollow tube.

19. (new) The glass assembly of claim 11 wherein the ribs are identical and extend around the entire perimeter defined by the core.

20. (new) The glass assembly of claim 19 wherein the ribs are folded along a first side of the core and the ribs are extended along a second opposite side of the core.